



VERONICA N. CHAPMAN'S AUTHOR VISIT PACKET

In this packet you will find the following:

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- Author Visit Overview with basic information about the presentation, fee, equipment needed, audience size, and book-ordering
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I Know I Can! Synopsis

While giving a speech at her high school graduation, Faith, the class valedictorian, shares her childhood dreams and the lessons that served as the foundation for her courage.

By sharing her dreams and passions, the valedictorian hopes to inspire her classmates to set big goals and exceed their own expectations.

Age Range/Grade Level

4-8 Years/Preschool – 3rd Grade

Author Visit Overview

The main themes covered in *I Know I Can!* are themes of global exploration, self-empowerment, and social justice. Most importantly, the book encourages all kids to really believe in their potential for greatness, and to consider the work and attitude it will take to accomplish their goals.

Each author visit includes a reading of *I Know I Can!*, along with a special interactive (1.5 – 2 hour) presentation about what it means to be intelligent, courageous, adventurous, confident, and self-motivated.


Equipment Needs: Table for laptop and projector, Projector screen, Internet Access (if possible), Microphone (large groups only, 20+),

Fee: \$500 (**Fee For Local Organizations Only – Eastern Massachusetts**) If outside of the Eastern Massachusetts area, a fee of \$500/day, plus travel, meals, and lodging expenses are required. If your school can't afford these fees please e-mail info@boxxout.org to inquire about the possibility of other arrangements.

Audience Size: *I Know I Can!* presentations are best suited for an audience of 10 -100 kids.



Author Bio



Veronica N. Chapman is an entrepreneur, author, and playwright, having written and produced *Ancestors Inc.*, a motivational play for teens, and *The Advent of Planet Martyr: An Innovative Social Commentary*, a self-published book.

A graduate of Spelman College (B.A. in Spanish) and Babson College (M.B.A.), she is committed to using her gifts to act upon her ideas and improve the world. Each of her endeavors, Boxxout Enterprises, Potlucks for Progress, My Crowning Jewel, and her new children's book *I Know I Can!*, are in line with this commitment.

I Know I Can!, published under Veronica's youth organization, Boxxout (www.boxxout.org), is Veronica's first children's book. Released in November, 2015, *I Know I Can!* was inspired by Veronica's experience as a student at Spelman College, and by her desire to help fortify the self-esteem of Black girls, and inspire all young people, boys and girls alike, to dream big and have the courage to take action.

The story is centered around a courageous girl named Faith, who while giving a valedictorian speech at her high school graduation, shares her childhood dreams and the lessons that served as the foundation for her courage.

As a child Faith dreamed of touching the stars; going back in time to sing with Mahalia Jackson; and of meeting with other African-American heroes who all impart empowering words of wisdom. During the speech she also discusses her childhood dreams of things that are more attainable, such as visiting the Louvre in Paris, France, and embarking on a safari in South Africa. By sharing her dreams and passions, the valedictorian hopes to inspire her classmates to set big goals and exceed their own expectations.

For more information please visit the following websites:

Entrepreneur/Author Website: www.VeronicaDrive.com

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BOOK-ORDERING FORM

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting an assembly with entrepreneur, educator, and author, Veronica N. Chapman. Ms. Chapman has been creating and leading innovative educational workshops for over ten years. Her assembly will be based on her new children's book, *I Know I Can!*, which encourages kids to work hard, dream big, and be confident and courageous in pursuit of their dreams.

To correspond with her upcoming visit to our school, we're pleased to offer you the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of Ms. Chapman's book, *I Know I Can!* Each book purchased using this order form will be autographed by the author.



I Know I Can! is an inspiring book for *everyone!* Ms. Chapman wrote this book because she believes that nobody can convince kids that they can't accomplish something if they already *know* they can! Don't miss this excellent opportunity to add to your home library, or purchase a gift for friends or family.

Book Title	Price/Book (Discounted)	# of Books	Sub-Total
I Know I Can! (For Grades K-5)	\$ 10		

Student Name: _____

Total # of Books: _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make your check payable to: _____
(Name of School)

Please return this order form by : _____

Questions, please contact: _____
(School Contact)

I Know I Can! Cover - Sample Interior Pages - Readers

I Know I Can!



written by **Veronica N. Chapman**

illustrated by **Daveia Odol**

I strolled along the Malecón in Havana, Cuba . . .

*There were people hanging out all along the sea wall.
One of them was a musician who played a song for me on his guitar.*

After he finished playing, I said "gracias"

*That means
"thank you."*



In another dream,
I got to meet with
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. . . .

*Dr. King told me to continue the fight
for economic justice.*

